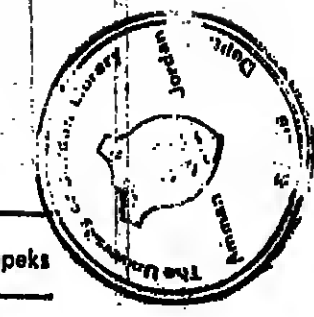
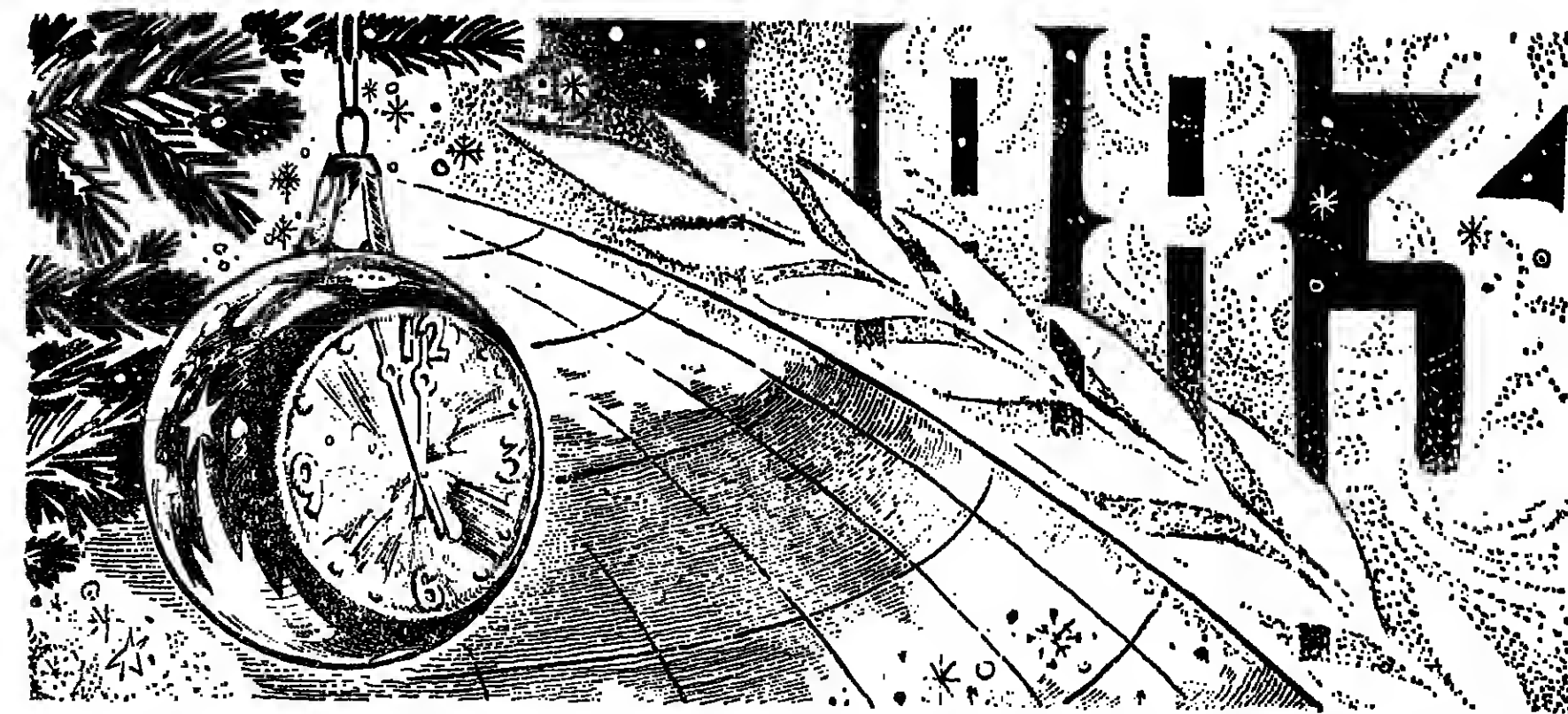


A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO THE SOVIET PEOPLE

The CPSU Central Committee, the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR and the Council of Ministers of the USSR have sent a message of greetings to the Soviet people, which says in part the following.

1982 is drawing to an end. For the Soviet people it was a year of creative work to fulfill the history-making decisions of the 26th Congress of the CPSU.

It was the year the Soviet people celebrated the 60th anniversary of the formation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The anniversary was a vivid and impressive demonstration of the great achievements of socialism, of the triumph of the Leninist national policy and the indestructible friendship and brotherhood of all the peoples of the USSR.

The Soviet country attained its present prosperity and power under the wise leadership of the Party of Communists. The CPSU firmly and steadfastly follows the tested Leninist path. The unanimous support for the internal and foreign policy of the Party and the selfless loyalty of the Soviet people to the ideas of Communism was proved convincingly during the days of parting with Leonid Ilyich Brezhnev.

The Communist Party holds dear and sacred the limitless trust of the working people. It sees the highest purpose of its activities as serving the people, the cause of communism and peace. The unflinching unity of Party and people provides the guarantee for further successes of our socialist Motherland.

The outgoing year was not a simple one for the Soviet people. But a lot was done. The national economy developed on a consistent basis. Hundreds of industrial enterprises went into operation. New giant gas pipelines and high-voltage power lines were built. The implementation of the USSR Food Programme is under way. Soviet science has new achievements to its credit. Measures to raise the material well-being and the cultural level of the Soviet people, as approved by the 26th Congress of the CPSU, are being carried out. About 10 million people have improved their housing conditions.

The decisions taken at the November 1982 Plenary Meeting of the CPSU Central Committee and at the Seventy-Sixth Session of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR were adopted by the Soviet people as a militant action programme for the implementation of the tasks of the five-year plan. We are faced by important tasks requiring intensive work, high organizational standards and conscientious discipline from every Soviet man and woman. We are up to those tasks.

The Central Committee of the CPSU, the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR and the Council of Ministers of the USSR voice their confidence that workers, collective farmers, intellectuals and all the Soviet people will mark 1983 with new glorious deeds and will further ensure the successful advancement of this country along the Leninist path.

Honour and glory to all whose honest and selfless labour strengthens the economy and defence of the Soviet Union, advances (Continued on page 2)

YURI ANDROPOV: NO TASK IS MORE URGENT THAN TO REDUCE THE GROWING THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR

This was stressed by Yuri Andropov, General Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee. In an interview he gave to the American political observer Joseph Kingsbury Smith, which we print below.

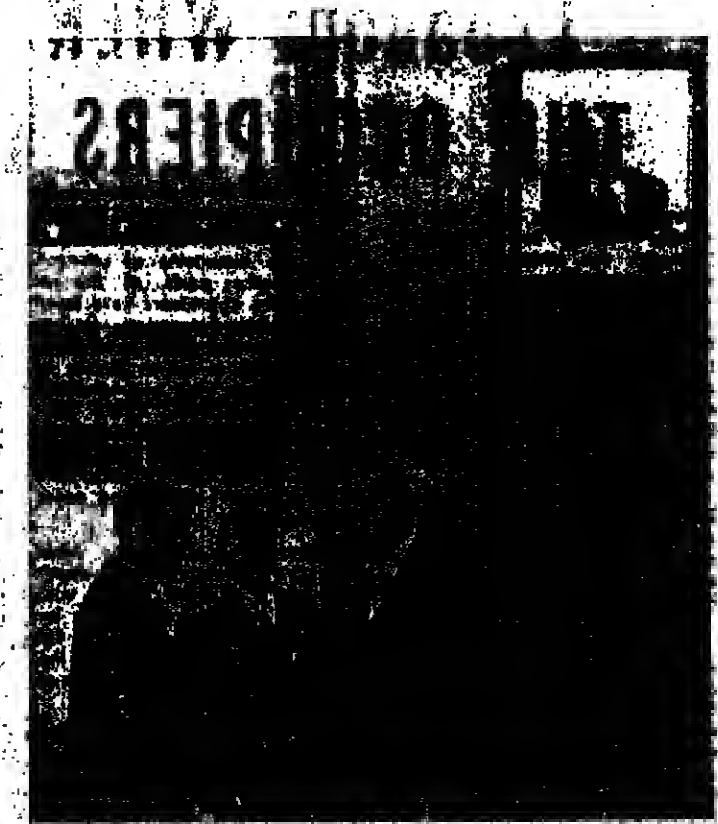
Q: What would you like to wish the American people for the New Year?
A: First of all, I would like to congratulate them on the New Year and to send my best wishes for well-being and happiness to

every American family. This means, first and foremost, the wish that all Americans live in peace, may enjoy lasting peace and prosperity, the fruit of peaceful work and of beneficial co-operation. (Continued on page 3)

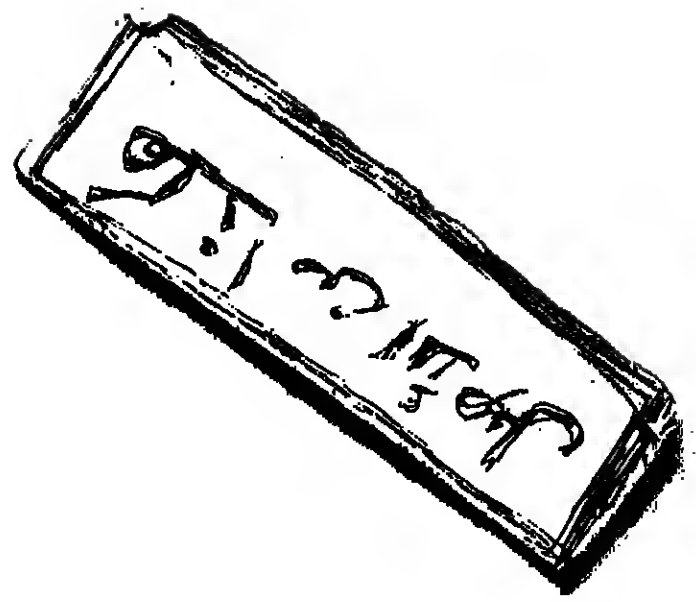
HIGH AWARDS FOR SOVIET SPACE EXPLORERS

Anatoly Bereznikov and Valentin Lebedev, who made record endurance space flight of 211 days aboard the Salyut-7 space station, have returned from the Baikonur space centre to the Brezhnev Star township. Yuri Andropov met the two cosmonauts in Moscow. They told him about their mission and about the research and experiments they had conducted aboard the complex.

Yuri Andropov warmly congratulated the two men on their successful flight and on being given the country's highest awards. He also wished them a happy New Year and further successes in space exploration for the benefit of the Soviet people.



Yuri Andropov meets the cosmonauts.



NEW YEAR GREETINGS
TO THE SOVIET PEOPLE

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science and culture and contribute towards the further well-being of our great Motherland.

The international situation during the past year was complex. Aggressive imperialist circles continued their attempts to subvert the policy of détente, to push states and peoples onto a path of enmity and military antagonism. Under these conditions we firmly declare yet once again our striving for peace is unshakable. The Soviet Union consistently defends its interests and the interests of our allies and friends.

Being loyal to the peaceful principles and aims of our foreign policy, our country perseveres in its fight against the threat of nuclear war, and stands for the curbing of the arms race. With us are the fraternal countries of socialism and all the peace-loving forces of the planet. The USSR will always be ready for equitable cooperation with any state. We are convinced that the present day difficulties and tensions in the international situation could and should be overcome.

At the same time, we shall exercise utmost vigilance. Those who indulge in military adventures should know that the inviolability of our borders and the borders of our allies has been reliably secured. The Soviet Armed Forces are a powerful factor for peace and security of the peoples.

Celebrating the New Year, we extend our heartfelt greetings to the working people in socialist countries. Strengthening of the socialist community will continue to be a priority with our Party and state. We send our heartfelt greetings to Communists throughout the world and to all the fighters against imperialism, reaction and war, as well as to all the good friends of our country.

The Soviet people are looking forward to the future with confidence. Let the New Year bring happiness and joy to all the Soviet people and to every family.

— Our New Year greetings to the heroic working class, to collective farmers and the party's intelligentsia!

— New Year to the Party veterans, to the war veterans and the veterans of labour!

— Must cherish greetings to Soviet women, the glorious daughters of their Motherland, selfless workers and ardent patriots!

— Best wishes to our glorious youth!

— We send our warmest greetings to the brave members of the Soviet Armed Forces who vigilantly protect the peaceful work of the Soviet people!

— Our seasonal greetings to all those who are on duty on this New Year and to those who are working far from their Motherland!

A happy New Year, Comrades, and a New Happiness!

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
FROM PATRIARCH PIMEN

Patriarch Pimen of Moscow and All Russia has sent a Christmas and New Year message to the clergy and all the believers of the Russian Orthodox Church.

In the joy of holiday we shall all continue in the New Year, like before, to work creatively in the glory of God and to the benefit of our great and dear Fatherland, the message reads.

In our troubled nuclear age, we shall continue to contribute by all means available to the protection of peace in the name of the most precious thing on earth—human life and the great heritage of the past.

The Russian Orthodox Church celebrates Christmas on January 7 (December 25, Julian calendar).



New Year celebrations military style.

Drawing by Yuri Ivanov

Yuri Andropov: No task is more urgent
than to reduce the growing threat of nuclear war

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operation with all the other peoples. The Soviet and American peoples have only one common enemy—the threat of war and everything that exacerbates it.

The Soviet Union wants peace to be preserved and strengthened and it does all it can to achieve this, being well aware that today there is no more important task in international politics than to remove the growing threat of nuclear war and to control and then stop the arms race.

I would like to wish that America make its own contribution, do that which would be worthy of it as a great nation towards stronger peace and friendship among peoples, rather than indulging in spurring on the arms race or launching warlike sentiment.

Q: What major cooperation measures do you think could be taken between the USSR and the United States in 1983 to the interests of world peace and of an improvement in Soviet-American relations?

A: I believe that our two countries could take part in many joint enterprises which could be

useful to both of them, and to other countries and peoples. For instance the mutual reduction of troops and armaments in Central Europe, cooperation in the removal of the most dangerous hotbeds of military conflict, such as in the Middle East, etc.

The most important thing of all, of course, is the achievement of just and mutually acceptable agreements in keeping with the principles of equality and equal security at the talks on limiting and reducing strategic armaments and medium range nuclear weapons in Central Europe. These agreements being supplemented by the adoption of practical steps to implement them.

Q: Do you think that through continued negotiations the differences dividing the governments of the Soviet Union and the United States in the nuclear arms race can be successfully reduced so as to create conditions favourable for arriving at a compromise agreement?

A: Certainly do. Objectively, there is every possibility for this since there are solutions to the problems which are being negotiated, solutions which would

not damage the interests of either party, but lead to radical reductions in armaments by both sides to the greater benefit of universal peace and security.

That is exactly the purpose behind the Soviet proposals to include those we put forward recently. I will remind you of the gist of these proposals, which is very simple and logical. We propose to put an end to the further buildup of strategic weapons by both sides, i.e., to freeze them at their present levels, and then to reduce the arsenals at the disposal of both sides by 25 per cent bringing them down to equal levels, and then to proceed further and carry out new reductions.

In nuclear weapons, we propose different measures for the zone of Europe. Either to have no such weapons there—either medium-range or tactical, belonging either to the Soviet Union or to NATO countries. This would be a "zero option", so to speak, for both sides. Or, else, both sides could reduce their medium-range weapons in Europe, including missiles or aircraft carrying nuclear weapons, by more than two-thirds. In addition, the opposing Soviet and American missiles should not be there at all, while the USSR should retain at least one medium-range missile as a guarantee of the disposal of Britain and France.

In aircraft, too, we are for a considerably lower level than at present. This means that in the zone of Europe, we do not want to have a single missile or aircraft more than those possessed by NATO countries.

We would like to hope that the United States will respond to this just and constructive position by a show of good will. This would help ensure the success of the negotiations. Such a success, I am sure, would make 1983 a good year for the whole of mankind.

Q: Former President Richard Nixon has called for a summit meeting between you and the American President. What is your reaction to this?

A: The Soviet leaders have always regarded summit conferences as one of the most effective methods of developing relations between states. We are of the same opinion now. But, of course, thorough preparations are necessary for such meetings to be a success. In any case, we are for improved Soviet-American relations and for the implementation of the mutually beneficial treaties and agreements concluded between our two countries, and we shall welcome everything that leads to the goal.

A rebuff
to Western
dictate

Debt. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi gave a resolute rebuff to Western attempts to try and exert pressure upon India by threats of stopping economic and financial aid. Such threats cannot intimidate our country, said the head of the Indian government, speaking in Bangalore. Today, India is 90 per cent self-sufficient, receiving only 10 per cent of required resources from abroad. But it is refused this aid, the Indian people will work ever harder to provide all the necessary requirements for their country, stressed I. Gandhi.

The prime minister said that over the years of India's independence, it has achieved great success in the economy's development and in the solution of important social problems, earning her well-deserved authority. The republic's achievements have been recognized even by those countries which were once critics of the way of the socio-economic development chosen by the Indians. Now India can tackle her tasks independently.

FACTS
and EVENTS

Q: The Council of Ministers of the Yemen Arab Republic has decided to introduce compulsory schooling for paragonages below 45. At present, 90 per cent of the population in the country can neither read nor write.

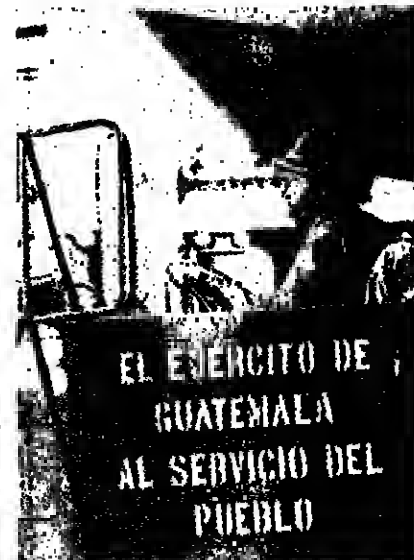
Q: The Ecuadorian daily "El Universo" writes that during the eleven months of 1982 the Pinochet secret police arrested in Chile 1,450 subversives of the regime of whom 16 were killed and many subjected to cruel tortures.

Q: The European Parliament in Strasbourg rejected by an overwhelming majority of votes a move to alter the community's allocations to compensate Britain for her previous 1,000-million dollar contributions.

Q: Members of a delegation representing the American anti-war Farmers for Peace organization have described as "useless" and "unsuccessful" their two-week visit to this country. The organization was set up by American cattle breeders from the Middle West. During our stay in the Soviet Union we saw that the Soviet people sincerely wish for peace, they told us the frequency of the war, the Soviet officials and the ordinary citizens we met expressed serious concern over the race in nuclear arms, said S. Gariand from the staff of Uleth.

PEOPLE

Another gold award was added recently to the collection of gold medals belonging to celebrated Brazilian football player Pelé — this time the award was made for his active part in the literacy drive, though he cannot claim to have taught a single person to read and write. Pelé still deserves the medal for his book, "I Am Pelé", which he has written along with the ABC in order to be able to read it. The medal was presented to Pelé by the Brazilian ministry of culture and education.



In recent months thousands of innocent civilians in Guatemala, mostly in rural areas, fell victim to the bloody terror and punitive operations of government troops. Meanwhile the authorities brazenly claim they are acting on behalf of "human rights".

In the photo: the back of this military lorry carrying punitive troops bases the following hypocritical words: "The Guatemalan army in the service of the people".

From "Long of folk"

TERROR FOR EXPORT

Washington, 10 1982. Israel was the world's seventh biggest exporter of weapons and it continues an active search for new markets. Despite the scepticism surrounding the figures concerning Israel's trade in weapons, its volume is now estimated to be at least 1,000 million dollars worth. The main part of these exports goes to countries with reactionary fascist regimes where the United States does not dare sell its own weapons fearing indignation and protests from the world community. In cases like

this, Israel comes onto the scene as representing American interests.

For a long time, Israel has been a supplier of weapons to dictatorial regimes fighting against their own people. Among its clients are Chile, South Africa, El Salvador, Paraguay, Guatemala and Honduras. "The Christian Science Monitor" admitted in a comment that Israel has turned into an accomplice in the policies of terror and genocide pursued by the ruling regimes in these countries against their own people.

SPY ADMITS AMERICAN
INVOLVEMENT IN AFGHANISTAN

Kabul. The confessions of a spy who was on the staff of the American embassy in Kabul and also in the pay of the network in the Afghan capital have cast a new light on the dirty methods employed by the United States in waging an undeclared war against Afghanistan.

Afghan citizen Ismail Khan who served as deputy chief of the security service at the American embassy in Kabul has exposed the activities of a group of American agents who are simultaneously members of the counter-revolutionary Djama'at-Islami grouping.

In 1978 when he was already working for the American em-

assy, he was recruited by this grouping. He was told to distribute propaganda materials prepared in the embassy including anti-communist leaflets and posters.

In August 1981, a security officer at the American embassy, a certain Crow, hired him as his paid agent demanding that Ismail collect information on actions by counter-revolutionary gangs in various parts of the country and organize bank attacks and acts of sabotage in the city.

Members of the American embassy staff brought in pistols, hand-grenades, and mines from Pakistan which they distributed to the Djama'at-Islami grouping.

Science and technology

RADIO KEY FOR CARS

French scientists have designed an instrument for opening car doors without a key. It consists of a miniature radio transmitter built into a key ring, and a receiver installed on the dashboard and tuned to the frequency of the transmitter. Contact is established through the car window by activating the electromagnetic bars locking the four doors.

DO YOU KNOW FISH COUGH?

Fish can cough. Perch, pike, carp, salmon, and trout react when foreign matter gets into their lungs. They cough to order to get rid of such particles. It may be out as audible as the cough of a man or an animal, yet it can still be measured.

American scientists have discovered a method for "listening" to the cough by means of highly sensitive electrodes immersed in the aquarium, which measure all movement in the water along with the fish cough which is amplified and recorded by means of special devices.

The fish cough got only when strange particles got into their lungs but also when industrial waste is dumped into the water they live in.

A SWAMP POWER STATION

An experimental power station is being built in Sweden by the company known as "Swamp Power". As is well known such water contains a large percentage of methane that can be extracted and burnt. The station's design capacity is 500 kW.

OF INTEREST

Something
about dominoes

There is no precise information about where and when the game of dominoes first appeared. Judging by the name, it must have appeared somewhere in Italy. As to the exact date, opinions differ. It is believed that the game was known in Ancient Rome, and some name even earlier times. It is known beyond any doubt, however, that in France, the game was first played by aristocrats in the 16th century. They used very

FROM THE SOVIET PRESS

ATTEMPTS DOOMED TO FAILURE

The present American president and his entourage now and again let slip the admission that the main aim of the massive military preparations they have mounted is to provoke the Soviet Union and to involve it in an arms race which will hinder it from fulfilling the economic targets it has set itself, writes Vilyay Kobaysh, in LITERATURNAYA GAZETA. It is not the Soviet missiles and tanks that they fear, but the Soviet five-year programmes and plans for economic, cultural and social development.

The trouble with many American presidents lies in their belief that history does not begin until the moment they are installed in the White House. Very often they simply do not know what happened before. But they have tried to arrange the USSR by various means including military expenditure, ever since the Soviet state came into being, we have withstood all such attempts.

UNDECLARED WAR AGAINST NICARAGUA

The SELSKAYA ZHIZN newspaper writes that subversion against revolutionary Nicaragua has recently been stepped up. Every day gangs of several hundred counter-revolutionaries make raids on the country, from neighbouring Honduras where they are entrenched.

The internal counter-revolution has also become more active, a fact evidenced by the crushing of a whole range of planned terrorist acts in the capital and other areas by the republic's security forces. Weapons and explosives are being smuggled into the country for those nostalgic for the past and prepared for bloody crimes.

Facts prove that the subversion against Nicaragua is directed by the CIA with Washington's blessing, the paper points out. The gangs belonging to the so-called Nicaraguan democratic front, supported by the CIA, represent the biggest military organization in Central America. US Ambassadors in Honduras, J. Negroponte is conducting all the subversive actions against Nicaragua.

In fact war is already on in Nicaragua, an undeclared war waged by the forces of imperialism ready to strengthen the revolution whatever the price and at the cost of a substantial regime. But these sinister plans are doomed, the paper stresses, since the people of Nicaragua are determined to defend their gains.

A SLANDER CAMPAIGN

PRAVDA comments on the provocative campaign raised in the West against the alleged "connection" of some socialist countries with the attempt on the life of the Pope perpetrated in 1981 by the Turkish terrorist Aydin. The newspaper says that there are several aims behind the campaign.

Firstly, it represents an attempt to use the fear of "international terrorism" which, it is alleged, is controlled by the Communists and "exported" to Western Europe, in order to cover up the real terrorism carried out by the United States and its allies such as Israel and El Salvador.

Secondly, the new campaign of slander represents a large-scale provocation against Bulgaria and aims at throwing a shadow over the policy of the socialist countries, including the Soviet Union, in order to justify the involvement of Italy and other West European countries in the Pentagon "rearmament" plans.

Thirdly, the Italian authorities use the insinuations about "imperial terrorism" for their own domestic policy aims.

The history of political provocation shows that all such slanders are invariably refuted sooner or later by the complete revelation of the real aims of those who sponsored it, stresses the newspaper.

THE WEST: A SHARPER SOCIAL STRUGGLE

The past year has provided fresh confirmation at the fact that the ruling circles of capitalist countries try to overcome the crisis which has beset the capitalist world at the expense of the working people. Thus, the real wages of American workers went down by 2 in 3 per cent over the incomplete year of 1982, writes EKONOMICHESKAYA GAZETA. On the whole real wages have decreased by over 17 per cent by comparison to the 1970s.

Unemployment has become the most acute problem facing the capitalist world. In the USA it has reached a level of 10.8 per cent, and it has hit 11.7 million people in the Common Market countries. But the official data do not reflect the real dimensions of the tragic situation in which the working people find themselves.

The monopolies attempt to make the working classes shoulder the entire burden of the crisis does not go unopposed by the latter, stresses the newspaper. According to incomplete preliminary statistics, not less than 70 million people have taken part in strikes and other mass protest manifestations in 1982, as compared to the average annual figure of 51 million in the 1970s. The class struggle is intertwined with the mass antiwar protests.

elaborate plaques made of ivory and rare types of wood and decked with gold and silver.

How to make
a Roman amphora

Italian experts specializing in detecting "forgotten" have uncovered the secret of how ancient Roman amphorae are manufactured today. The forger is kept for at least 30 days in an airtight container after which its surface is covered with minute cracks to make it look as if it had just been unearthed. Such items are then sold to tourists as genuine articles. They are: underground factories operating in Italy to produce "hand made" antiquities. They own their property to the great demand for old things.

A walk in
the Solar System

Several young Swisses built a replica of the Solar System in the scale of 1:1,000,000,000 in a park not far from the town of Lausanne. The walk takes three hours from the 1.4 m high to the 1.4 m high. The model is a gift made in 1978 to the Swiss people. The walk is 13 kilometers in diameter, while the very minute Moon is located just thirty-eight centimeters from it.

VIEWPOINT

Vladimir KUDELIN

Lebanon: WHEN WILL
THE OCCUPIERS LEAVE?

Even though it's been over six months since Israel invaded Lebanon, the situation there is still tense and volatile. The criminal war unleashed by Tel Aviv against the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples took 72,000 lives, primarily those of women, children and old men, and cost the country, according to the latest estimates, \$2 to \$6 thousand million dollars in property damage.

Israel still occupies nearly half the country, setting up its own rules there, attempting to undermine the authority of the central government and causing the civilians trade miseries and suffering.

Tel Aviv proposes to further tighten its grip on the nation on indefinite period, building up its positions in the Bekaa Valley of Eastern Lebanon, with new military contingents, tanks,

armoured personnel vehicles and other military hardware.

In the mountains of Lebanon and in other parts of the republic the aggressors have been inflicting bloody armed clashes between Lebanese religious communities in which dozens of citizens have died and hundreds were injured. Tel Aviv's provocative actions are meant to justify the need for Israeli presence in the country under the false pretext of ensuring order and restoring peace.

Lebanese president Amin Gemayel, wrote the local paper "Al-Naba", charged Israel with seeking to erode the nation by inciting communal strife. Tel Aviv, he stressed, is using the clashes as a tool of pressure and blackmail against Lebanon.

is brazenly ignoring the relevant UN Security Council

resolutions demanding a withdrawal from Lebanon. Israeli leaders are launching plainly unacceptable, humiliating for the sovereign nation, conditions for evacuation of its troops. Israeli Zionist leaders would like to force a separate "peace treaty" on Lebanon, specifically envisioning the creation, along the Lebanese-Israeli border, of a so-called "security zone", 15 to 20 kilometres wide. The establishment of such a zone would enable Israel to retain its military and economic control of the country's south, to continue its provocative air raids over Lebanon, in the final account, as a springboard for new aggressive actions against Syria and other Arab nations.

The tragic developments in Lebanon have brought into sharper focus the uneasy role

of the USA, who egged Israel on to commit the aggression and did its utmost to boost the escalation of the conflict. The intruders have turned Lebanon into a mammoth lair for destruction weapons. Including cluster, pellet, phosphorous and vacuum bombs, are used on defenceless civilians. America is still lavishing military aid on Israel, even after the entire world has condemned Israel for its monstrous crimes in Lebanon. Spurring the Zionist "hawks" on to more criminal actions, the USA said it was ready to supply Israel with nearly 1,000 million dollars' worth of various weaponry next year gratis.

Given all this, there is little hope for Washington's "peace effort" in Lebanon. The various "normalisation" plans clearly reveal the US intention to expand its military presence in Lebanon, where it now has 1,300 Marines in the multinational force there.

The Israeli aggression is aiming to infiltrate the region, securing and bolstering its positions there to force a split on the Arab East. Washington is using its "strategic ally", Tel Aviv, to derive maximum benefits from this chance.

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